

Road Map 2012 for the Global Seed Freedom Campaign

Seed Freedom Campaign (2012-2014)

The campaign aims to alert people, communities, institutions and governments of the serious risk to the future of the world's seed and food security and demand the long overdue review of Article 273(b) of TRIPS agreement of WTO, to stop patents on life, patents on seed.

The campaign will be launched by producing a collective report on the Seed, and the creation of a Global Alliance on Seed Freedom. It will start with a series of intensive actions worldwide from 2nd October, Gandhi's Birth anniversary to Oct. 16th 2012, World Food Day as a **Fortnight for Seed Freedom**. **We invite you to plan similar actions during this period in your areas. Please send us your photos and reports of activities in your regions. We must also plan strategies and co-coordinated actions to strengthen these activities for 2013 and 2014.**

We also plan an outreach, awareness and action campaign through the social media and website (www.seedfreedom.in) on the issue of seed freedom which will act as a wake up call for citizens and governments to force actions to arrest the erosion of seed diversity.

Please send us write ups, images, videos and links to websites on actions in your areas so that we can reach people throughout the world.

Road Map for activities in 2012

- ⇒ 2011 – The need for seed campaign grows out of the process of the Global Citizen's Report on GMOs – "The GMO Emperor has no clothes"
- ⇒ Jan to March 2012 – The Seed Freedom campaign conceptualized based on the need to "connect the dots"
 - a) To connect local seed saver groups in a global alliance to strengthen solidarity.
 - b) To connect seed savers and seed defenders, so there is synergy between actions for creating alternatives and resisting seed monopolies, patents on seeds, biopiracy, GMOs.
 - c) To connect food sovereignty to seed sovereignty.
- ⇒ April 2012 - Groups contacted for joining the alliance and contributing to the Global Report on the Seed
- ⇒ 22nd April 2012 – Launch of Seed Freedom Campaign and Declaration at the Youth Earth Summit, Dehradun, India.
- ⇒ 3rd May 2012 – Meeting in Portland with organizations of North West USA.
- ⇒ 24th May 2012 – Meeting with networks in Italy for Global Alliance.
- ⇒ 25th May 2012 – Launch of Seed Campaign at Terra Futura, Florence.
- ⇒ 7th June 2012 – Meeting in Berlin for the Global Alliance with networks in Germany.

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- ⇒ 9th June 2012 – Meeting with Italian networks in Rome and launch of seed campaign with a public meeting with Agricoltura Nuova, Provincia di Roma and Orti Urbani.
- ⇒ 20th June – Meeting with farmer networks in Cape Town on Global Seed Alliance.
- ⇒ 22nd June 2012 – Launch of Global campaign on Seed Freedom at Rio plus 20.
- ⇒ July 4th – Meeting with groups in India.
- ⇒ 3rd-4th August – Meeting with Latin American Groups in Peru.
- ⇒ July-August – Contributions for report received, report edited.
- ⇒ Mid July – Collection of ideas for co-coordinated actions for Fortnight of Seed Freedom as well as contributions for the report.
- ⇒ September – Report Printed.
- ⇒ 17th -21st September – Workshop on Seed Freedom and Seed Sovereignty
- ⇒ 2nd October – 16th October – Global Fortnight of actions and events for Seed Freedom.
 - a) Declare “No patents on Seed” at individual, institutional, local and regional governmental level.
 - b) Write to your patent office to tell them to stop granting patents on seed.
 - c) Write to WTO to complete the mandatory review of TRIPS article 27.3.b, which forces patents on life forms.
 - d) Write to Obama to stop using the White House to bully countries on behalf of Monsanto to destroy their seed sovereignty through GMOs and patented seed.
 - e) Actions for Seed Sovereignty and Seed Freedom – Save Seeds, Exchange Seeds, grow open pollinated seeds in a pot, a garden, a farm. Send us photos and reports for the website.
- ⇒ 2nd October 2012 – Launch of Global Report on Seed Emergency and campaign in Delhi, India and the start of Bija Yatra (Seed Journey in India).
- ⇒ 8th October, 2012 – Launch of Global Report on Seed Emergency and public meeting in Spain
- ⇒ 9th October 2012 – Launch of Global Report on Seed Emergency and Seed Campaign in Rome.
- ⇒ 12th October 2012 – Launch of Global Report in Germany??
- ⇒ 16th October 2012 – Vasundhara – A national gathering of seed keepers and organic farmers at Navdanya.
- ⇒ 17th October – Launch of petition through social media like Avaaz.
- ⇒ Early November – Launch in San Francisco
- ⇒ 14th and 15th December – Launch in Japan/south East Asia.
- ⇒ December – Meeting on seed emergency in Florence.